

Turner Public Schools  
The North East Technology Consortium  
(NE-TEC)

Partners: Dodson Public Schools, Malta K-12, Glasgow K-12, Montana State University-Northern

**Abstract**

The **North East Technology Consortium (NE-TEC)** is a technology professional development proposal designed to help teachers restructure teaching and learning practices in the classroom. This project includes Summer Institutes for teachers, in-service workshops during the school year, and support, both online and in person, from technology facilitators. Using NASA's Opportunities for Visionary Academics (NOVA) (<http://nova.ed.uidaho.edu/>) higher education pre-service change model, the project will focus on four schools in northeast Montana the first year and expand to include nearby districts in future years creating a Regional Technology Network. The project will directly involve a group of two teachers from each district to design and carry out their own local curricula projects with a focus on technology integration in reading and mathematics. A strong support plan for local administrators is a component of the project.

Turner Public School, the Primary Applicant, has joined other high needs districts in the area: Dodson Public Schools and Malta Public Schools. Glasgow Public School, an identified Technology Proficient school in Montana will complete NE-TEC. Based on the 2003-04 preliminary data for E-rate Applications; these districts serve 1438 students and over 125 teachers. The largest member school system enrolls more than 700 students K-12, and the smallest enrolls less than 80 students K-12. The districts are sparsely distributed geographically across northeast Montana's Hi-Line. The northwestern most member district is nearly 100 miles from the farthest northeastern member district and the partner districts encompass an identified frontier region that includes Blaine, Phillips and Valley counties.

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